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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UN

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1. MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU
DIRECTOR HAN HAS TOLD US THAT FONMIN KIM'S UPCOMING
TRIP (REFTEL) MARKS KICK-OFF ROK DIPLOMATIC
CAMPAIGN FOR SUPPORT AT UPCOMING UNGA. IN ADDITION,
FONMIN KIM'S TRIP, HAN SAID MOFA NOW IN PROCESS
PLANNING ITINERARY FOR ADDITIONAL MISSIONS AS WELL
AS BEGINNING TO STEP UP OTHER DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES.

2. HAN SAID THAT MOFA HAS TAKEN INITIAL SOUNDINGS
ON ATTITUDES OF 83 GOVERNMENTS. ON BASIS THESE
SOUNDINGS, MOFA TENTATIVELY ESTIMATES THAT THERE
IS GOOD MAJORITY SUPPORT FAVORING DUAL ADMISSION OF
ROK AND NORTH KOREA INTO UN. CURRENT MOFA ESTIMATE
IS THAT UNGA RESOLUTION FAVORING DUAL ADMISSION
WOULD GET "AT THE MINIMUM" 70 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES
WITH 40 CLEARLY OPPOSED.

3. ON QUESTION RETENTION UNC, HAN SAID SITUATION
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IS DIFFERENT. MANY OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPS

APPROACHED ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE AVOIDED GIVING
"OFFICIAL VIEWS", BUT HAVE LIMITED THEMSELVES TO
PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS. THEREFORE MOFA ESTIMATES
ON THIS ARE MUCH SOFTER. HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT
IN TIME, IT IS MOFA'S HIGHLY TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT
THAT 55-56 UNGA MEMBERS WOULD SUPPORT CONTINUATION
UNC WITH SOME 45-46 OPPOSING AND OTHERS EITHER
ABSTAINING OR SIMPLY UNCOMMITTED AT THIS TIME.

4. IN VIEW STEPPED-UP ROKG LOBBYING EFFORT, HAN
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD
INSTRUCT ITS EMBASSIES TO
BEGIN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF AGREED
USG-ROKG APPROACH ON STRATEGY FOR KOREAN QUESTION
AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA.
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